



Symposium on American Culture and Anti-Americanism in the Middle East

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Dale Eickelman
Dartmouth University

"Images of America: Education and the Media"



Jillian Schwedler
University of Maryland

"America and American Culture: Views Across Class and
Generational Divides"



Richard Herrmann
Ohio State

"Americanism in the Middle East: An Imperialist Image"

Friday, January 30, 2004
2:00 p.m. *
Mershon Center
Room 120

Dale Eickelman is best known for his ethnographic field research in the Middle East, and he is the author of several books, including *The Middle East and Central Asia: An Anthropological Approach*, 4th ed. (Prentice Hall, 2002), *Knowledge and Power in Morocco* (Princeton University Press, 1985), and *Muslim Politics*, co-authored with James Piscatori (Princeton University Press, 1996). Eickelman is former president of the Middle East Studies Association of North America, and recently completed a two-year Euro-American postdoctoral field-building project, funded by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (Germany), called "Public Spheres and Muslim Identities." Eickelman is also a member of the International Advisory Board of the International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World, Leiden.

Jillian Schwedler is Assistant Professor of Government and Politics at the University of Maryland at College Park. She received her PhD in Politics from New York University in September 2000. Dr. Schwedler's publications include three edited volumes, *Understanding the Contemporary Middle East*, 2nd ed., with Deborah J. Gerner (Lynne Rienner, 2003), *Toward Civil Society in the Middle East? A Primer* (Lynne Rienner, 1995), which she edited and for which she contributed the key article, and *Islamist Movements in Jordan* (Amman, 1997). Her articles have appeared in *Journal of Democracy*, *Comparative Politics*, *Social Movement Studies*, *Journal of Palestine Studies*, *Middle East Report*, and elsewhere, as well as in several edited volumes. Her book manuscript, *Faith in Moderation: The Dynamics of Islamist Political Parties*, is currently under

review.

Dr. Schwedler has received awards and fellowships from the Social Science Research Council, the Fulbright Foundation (twice), the Council of American Overseas Research Centers, the American Institute for Yemeni Studies, and the Law and Society Association. She has conducted extensive field research in Egypt, Jordan, and Yemen, and has traveled to Lebanon, Turkey, Qatar, Syria, Israel/Palestine, and more than two dozen countries outside the Middle East.

Dr. Schwedler is currently Chair of the Board of Directors of the Middle East Research and Information Project (MERIP), publishers of the quarterly journal Middle East Report. In 2002, she was elected Secretary of the Palestinian American Research Center (PARC). From 1991-1995, she was program officer for the Civil Society in the Middle East Project at New York University, which was funded by the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations.

Dr. Schwedler's current research interests include protests and policing, political Islam, social movements, democracy and democratization, identity, political culture, and transnational public spheres. She is currently on leave from the University of Maryland as Senior Research Fellow of the Arab Archives Institute in Amman, Jordan, and as Visiting Scholar at New York University for Fall 2003.

Richard K. Herrmann is professor of political science and Director of the Mershon Center at The Ohio State University. He has written widely on politics in the Middle East, international security, and American foreign policy. From 1989 to 1991, Herrmann served on Secretary of State James Baker's Policy Planning Staff at the U.S. Department of State and from 1991-1996, he served as coeditor of International Studies Quarterly, the flagship journal of the International Studies Association. Herrmann has been a frequent visitor to the Middle East, lecturing and conducting research in Israel and the West Bank, as well as in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Syria, and the United Arab Emirates. In 1996-97 he was a member of the Council on Foreign Relations of New York task force that produced the book *Differentiated Containment: Rethinking U.S. Policy in the Gulf*.

Herrmann has served on the governing council of the International Society of Political Psychology and in his academic career has advanced the study of images and stereotypes as they affect decision-making in international relations. His research has appeared in leading academic journals such as the *American Political Science Review*, *International Organization*, *World Politics*, *International Security*, and the *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. Applying the insights of the academic world to the policy realm has been a special interest of Herrmann's and after serving at the State Department he served as the director of USIA's sponsored project entitled "Conflict Resolution, Arms Control, and Regional Security in the Middle East and South Asia." More recently has drawn on the practical lessons from that project to lead a new endeavor for the U.S. Institute for peace entitled "Forecasting the Future on the Korean Peninsula: Avenues to Reconciliation.

Herrmann holds a Ph.D. and MPIA from the University of Pittsburgh (1981) and a BA from Miami University (1974) in Oxford, Ohio. In 1980-81 Herrmann was a Ford Foundation fellow in security studies and in 1985-86 he was a senior fellow at the Harriman Institute for Advanced Study of the Soviet Union at Columbia University. He is the author of *Perceptions and Behavior in Soviet Foreign Policy* (1985).

*R.S.V.P. to Beth Russell if you plan to attend this event. *

Symposium Organized by Alexander Stephan, Ohio Eminent Scholar in Germanic Languages and Literatures and Senior Fellow of the Mershon Center.